

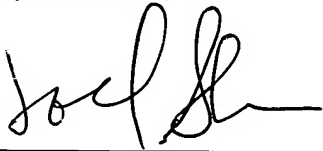
This election is without traverse.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application or take such other appropriate measures as he deems necessary to protect the invention(s) of any non-elected Invention.

It is believed that an action on the merits is now in order and such is respectfully requested. **Should the examiner believe that direct contact may be helpful he is invited to call at the number below.**

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a), provided a Petition is not submitted separately. Please charge any fee due not paid by a check provided herewith, and/or charge any underpayment in any fee, and/or credit any overpayment in fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-2381.

Respectfully submitted,



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